

Grants by Grant Cycle

Grants matching your search for 2012-13 *Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant (FR48)*

Placer County

Grantee: Placer County

Amount Awarded: \$5,105.00

Grantee Contact: William Kirschman

Grantee Contact Phone Number: 530-745-2365

CalRecycle Grant manager: Carla Repucci

Project Summary: Reimbursement for cleanup at 4255 Yankee Jims Rd., Foresthill, CA 95631 that occurred October 2005 through January 2011. Waste removed included misc. solid waste and tires. The land is 7.2 acres of privately owned forestland and is zoned Residential-forest (RF-B-100) which allows some agricultural uses.

Total Awarded for County: \$5,105.00

San Diego County

Grantee: Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County

Amount Awarded: \$16,698.00

Grantee Contact: Ms Ann Baldridge

Grantee Contact Phone Number: 619-562-0096

CalRecycle Grant manager: Carla Repucci

Project Summary: The RCD manages the Tijuana River Valley Community Garden on behalf of the County of San Diego. Although the land is zoned as Open Space – Flood Plain (OF-1-1), it has historically been used for agriculture, e.g. there was formerly an organic farm on site. For the past 10 years the land has been used as a community garden. Our lease agreement with the County specifies that only the following uses of the land are permitted: Public Education of Agriculture practices, research supportive of the farming industry, Agricultural Support Services, and related uses specified in Clause 19.22 (see attached).

The site is approximately 25 acres and consists of 136 30'x30' plots, which are used for growing fruits and vegetables for personal consumption. This peaceful location also provides a source of relaxation, fresh air and physical exercise for gardeners, many of whom do not have access to outside space at home. The Assessor Parcel Number is 636-021-05, with a special discretionary code of 99-0233A.

The garden is unlocked and open and accessible to all, enabling anyone to come and walk through the garden at any time. Although this can be a benefit, the garden's somewhat remote location also means that it has been a target for illegal activities, and illegal dumping has occurred several times over the years.

The illegal dumping has consisted of items such as old furniture and appliances, building materials, carpets, paint cans, general trash. The dumping not only looks unattractive and inappropriate, but there is also concern about materials being left at the garden which could be a danger to gardeners, their children and local wildlife.

In the past, illegal dumping has been dealt with by gardeners and RCD staff at community clean-up days. While these days are immensely useful in increasing morale and cleaning up the mess, it is not enough to prevent future instances of dumping. Also, sometimes gardeners become so fed up with the dumping that they take it upon themselves to remove the illegally dumped waste.

We are seeking funding to make the garden a safer, cleaner space that more fully benefits the local community and environment. A CalRecycle grant will enable us to make the site more secure, to clean up the dumped materials so that it remains tidy and less of a target for dumping, to create new signage, and increase staff presence at the garden. We will achieve this over the course of one year: April 2013 – March 2014.

Site security: we plan to install a gate at the sole point of vehicular access. The gate will be locked with a padlock, and the code issued to gardeners. We believe this will help to curb illegal dumping and make the garden more safe and secure. We would also like to install improved signage for the garden. One of our gardeners has made some 'no dumping' temporary signage out of plywood. If successful, we would use the grant to update the signage for the garden and to design and install some new, permanent signage to discourage dumping. Additionally, we would like to install a digital security camera at the entrance to the garden to enable us to monitor who is entering the garden, and have evidence to report to the police if required. A camera would also increase the sense of security at the garden and its presence will hopefully deter potential dumpers.

Waste removal and disposal: we will need to rent dumpsters and pay the landfill fee for safe disposal of the dumped items. In addition to the one-off incidence of removing the dumped items, we will hold three further garden clean-up days over the course of the year in case more dumping occurs. These days will also provide an opportunity for gardeners to come together more often to strengthen the sense of community at the garden and encourage gardeners to work together for the greater good of the garden. Examples elsewhere indicate that less vandalism occurs in a space that is well-used and better cared for: a well-used space that people feel proud of creates a safer space and this is what we hope to achieve.

Personnel: Our Education Coordinator manages the garden but the current program budget only allows for one visit per month. Our proposal includes funding for additional RCD staff hours to oversee the work described above and to increase our presence at the garden. This additional staff time will be used to make more frequent visits to the garden to monitor the gate, signage and camera, and to watch out for any further illegal dumping.

In-kind support: RCD staff will organize an initial clean-up day to clear the waste at the garden, and future clean-ups as needed. We are fortunate to receive in kind support for the County's Park Rangers, who lend their time and some equipment to assist with clean-ups. Many of the gardeners will also volunteer their time to participate in the clean-up. We also receive volunteer support at our clean-up days from interested local residents and people on the waiting list for a plot at the garden. In addition, we work with local organizations, such as Urban Corps, who volunteer their time as a community service.

Total Awarded for County:\$16,698.00

Shasta County

Grantee: Fall River Resource Conservation District

Amount Awarded: \$3,672.00

Grantee Contact: Patricia Betz
Grantee Contact Phone Number: 530-336-6591
CalRecycle Grant manager: Carla Repucci

Project Summary: To clean-up a dump site on Sierra Pacific Industries property. The dump site is along logging road accessed from State Highway 299 East. Dump site is close to the town of Burney. The garbage is spread out on both sides of logging road. Pictures show a coach, bed mattress, tires and other household trash items.

Total Awarded for County:\$3,672.00

Grant Count: 3	Grand Total for Selected Counties: \$25,475.00
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